



Ammunition Bunkers at Fort Learnard

FUDS PROPERTY NAME: Ft. Learnard
FUDS No: F10AK0017
LOCATION: Unalaska Island, Alaska

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Fort Learnard was originally constructed as part of the overall defense for Dutch Harbor. The site consisted of support facilities and a dock at Wide Bay, and two six-inch guns as well as anti-aircraft emplacements on a high promontory at Eider Point.

In FY2000, the USAED, and TERC contractor personnel visited the site in June and July 2000 to scope the investigations and removal actions. This work was performed in conjunction with another site visit to Fort Glenn (Site Number F10AK0298) and

Chernofski Harbor (Site Number F10AK0013). Four days were spent at the site to perform general site reconnaissance and to determine the extent of investigations and actions to be undertaken. Activities scoped and planned for FY2001 include removal actions for tanks, drums and other HTRW waste.

COST SAVINGS

The USAED saved approximately \$75,000 on this program to date by sharing costs for transportation, housing, sharing of resources, and by coordinating this site visit with visits to Fort Glenn (Site Number F10AK0298) and Chernofski Harbor (Site Number F10AK0013).

The site reconnaissance also lead to innovative approaches to the work which may allow for up to \$600,000 in savings when compared to the original cost estimated for this work. Other cost saving shave included \$25,000 to \$30,000 for shared resources, joint community relations with other FUDS, shared transportation and joint regulatory agency coordination. Total expected savings are over \$200,000.

SCHEDULE SAVINGS

By coordinating the site reconnaissance activities with other FUDS projects in the C3 Zone, at least one week of schedule was saved resulting in \$75,000 in saved costs. The site reconnaissance activities and innovative approaches to the FY2001 field season will likely saved 30 days of field work and over \$600,000.

OTHER PROJECT SUCCESSES

One of the major successes was the reconnaissance of the road leading from Wide Bay to the site on top of Eider Point. The road is in very bad condition. The USAED evaluated the access road and found that with little repair, and by using all-terrain equipment, cost savings could be realized when performing the work. Also, the site reconnaissance indicated that the level of work required at the site will not be as extensive as originally thought. This may allow cost savings of up to \$600,000 when compared to the programmed funding for this site including limited access road upgrades.

Fort Learnard is also a relatively intact WWII facility. As with all work in this FUDS C3 Zone, the USAED actively pursues communication and coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office to make sure the historic landscape is protected.

The TERC provides for considerable flexibility in scoping, planning, reevaluation of innovative approaches, cost sharing with other FUDS work and contractors and has allowed us to take advantage of a



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\$600,000 cost savings. This project will be a joint Alaska District and Huntsville coordinated EOD project in 2001.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The USAED has incorporated this site into the ongoing community relations program at Dutch Harbor for other FUDS work. These activities include quarterly public meetings, and bi-weekly conference calls with local community stakeholders such as Ounalashka Native Corporation, the Qawalangan Tribe, and the city of Unalaska. These activities include the local stakeholders in all decisions made for this site and others in the Dutch Harbor area.

NATURE OF SUCCESS

The success of this project is related to proactive planning and coordination with local, state and federal agencies and the sharing of resources and joint coordination with other FUDS in the Dutch Harbor area.

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